

I. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A method for electronically creating a contract between a buyer and a seller for a sale of a good in an online transaction by means of a read only shopping token that contains a plurality of agreement terms; ~~wherein the shopping token is created in a single file at a single computer that is accessible by both the buyer and the seller,~~ the method comprising:

using a single computer connected to an e-commerce website, performing the steps of:

creating an XML file at a single computer that is accessible by both the buyer and the seller;

presenting the plurality of agreement terms for the sale of the good to the buyer and to the seller;

determining whether the buyer and the seller agree with the plurality of agreement terms;

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller agree with the plurality of agreement terms, adding a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file; and

responsive to the addition of a the buyer digital signature and a the seller digital signature to the XML file, saving the XML file as the read only shopping token;

wherein data in the shopping token cannot be cut and pasted from the shopping token, the shopping token can be stored on a buyer computer, a seller computer, or a third

party computer, and the shopping token is indexed so that it can be distinguished from another shopping token; and

wherein the plurality of agreement terms for the sale of the good includes an item description, a price, a quantity, a payment method and a shipping method.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

adding a seller's personal information to the XML file;

adding a buyer's personal information to the XML file;

adding information regarding ~~a~~the good to the XML file; and

adding a plurality of terms to the XML file.

4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~4~~ 1 further comprising:

responsive to ~~the~~ a determination that the buyer and the seller do not agree with the plurality of agreement terms, accepting a modification to the terms.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the shopping token is ~~a~~ created after the buyer ~~is aware of the~~ accepts a delivery date for the good.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the shopping token is stored on a third party computer and is accessible by the buyer and the seller.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the shopping token contains a warranty information for the good.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the shopping token provides a price protection for the good.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the shopping token provides a price promotion for the good.
12. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the shopping token provides a seller's history.
13. (cancelled)
14. (currently amended) A program product for electronically creating a contract between a buyer and a seller for a sale of a good in an online transaction by means of a shopping token that contains a plurality of agreement terms comprising:
 - a ~~computer-usable~~readable medium;
 - wherein the ~~computer-usable~~readable medium ~~comprises~~ contains a plurality of instructions encoded thereon, the plurality of instructions adapted instructions for a to cause a computer connected to an e-commerce website to perform steps comprising:
 - ~~instructions for creating an XML file on a~~ the computer that is accessible to both the buyer and the seller;
 - ~~instructions for recording the~~ a plurality of preliminary contract terms between the buyer and the seller into the XML file;
 - ~~instructions for adding a plurality of contract terms to the XML file, wherein the plurality of preliminary contract terms may be supplemented, modified or deleted by the buyer and the seller prior to a final contract~~ containing the plurality of contract terms between the buyer and the seller;
 - responsive to the addition of a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file, instructions for saving the XML file as a read only shopping token;

~~instructions for creating the shopping token in a single file at a~~ single
computer;

wherein the shopping token contains the final contract terms between the buyer and
the seller for the sale of the good; and

wherein the final contract terms include an item description, a price, a quantity, a
payment method and a shipping method.

15. (currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein the plurality of instructions
are further adapted to cause a computer to perform steps ~~further~~ comprising:

~~instructions for adding a seller's personal information to the XML file;~~

~~instructions for adding a buyer's personal information to the XML file;~~

~~instructions for adding information regarding a~~ the good to the XML file;

~~instructions to prevent~~ preventing data from being cut and pasted from the shopping
token; and

~~instructions to index~~ indexing the shopping token so that it can be distinguished from
another shopping token.

16. (currently amended) The program product of claim 15 wherein the plurality of instructions
are further adapted to cause a computer to perform steps ~~further~~ comprising:

~~instructions for presenting the~~ plurality of agreement terms to the buyer and the seller;

~~instructions for determining whether the buyer and the seller agree with the~~ plurality
of agreement terms; and

responsive to the a determination that the buyer and the seller agree with the plurality of agreement terms, instructions for adding a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file to create a the shopping token.

17. (currently amended) The program product of claim 16 wherein the plurality of instructions are further adapted to cause the computer to perform steps further comprising:

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller do not agree with the plurality of agreement terms, instructions for accepting a modification to the terms.

18. (currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein the plurality of instructions are further adapted to cause the computer to create the shopping token is a created only after the buyer is aware of the a delivery date for the good is accepted by the buyer.

19. (currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein the plurality of instructions are further adapted to cause the computer to configure the shopping token may be configured so that the shopping token is not modifiable by the buyer or the seller.

20. (currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein the plurality of instructions are further adapted to cause the computer to store the shopping token is stored on a third party computer and is so that the shopping token is accessible by the buyer and the seller.

21. (currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein the plurality of instructions are further adapted to cause the computer to provide the shopping token contains with a warranty information for the good.

22. (currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein the plurality of instructions are further adapted to cause the computer to provide the shopping token provides with a price protection for the good.

23. (currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein t the plurality of instructions
are further adapted to cause the computer to provide the shopping token provides with a price
promotion for the good.
24. (currently amended) The program product of claim 14 wherein the plurality of instructions
are further adapted to cause the computer to provide the shopping token provides with a
seller's history.
25. (canceled)
26. (currently amended) ~~A shopping token~~ program product recorded on a computer readable
medium that contains a plurality of agreement terms between a buyer and a seller created by
computer implemented steps comprising:
- a computer readable storage medium;
 - a computer program stored in the storage medium, wherein the storage medium, so
configured by the computer program, causes a computer connected to an e-commerce
website to perform the steps of:
 - creating a computer readable XML file that is accessible by both a buyer and a seller
in an on-line transaction;
 - receiving a digital signature in response to an input from the buyer indicating the
consent of the buyer to ~~the~~ a plurality of contract terms;
 - receiving a different digital signature in response to an input from the seller indicating
the consent of the seller to the plurality of contract terms;
 - saving each digital signature to the XML file; and
 - saving the XML file as a read only shopping token;

wherein responsive to creation of the shopping token, a contract is electronically
erated created between a buyer and a seller in the online transaction;

wherein the contract includes an item description, a price, a quantity, a payment
method and a shipping method; and

wherein the shopping token will be invalidated upon any subsequent change in the
plurality of contract terms.

27. (currently amended) The shopping token program product of claim 26 wherein the computer
program further causes the computer to perform the steps of further comprise:

adding a seller's personal information to the XML file;

adding a buyer's personal information to the XML file;

adding information regarding a the good to the XML file;

adding a plurality of terms to the XML file;

securing data in the shopping token so that it cannot be cut and pasted from the
shopping token;

responsive to a selection by a buyer, a seller, or a third party, storing the shopping
token on a buyer computer, a seller computer, or a third party computer; and

indexing the shopping token so that it can be distinguished from another shopping
token.

28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) The XML file of claim-4 26 wherein the computer program further
causes the computer to perform the step of further comprising:

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller do not agree with the
plurality of contract terms, accepting a modification to the plurality of contract terms.

30. (currently amended) ~~The shopping token program product~~ of claim 26 wherein the computer program further causes the computer to perform the step of creating the shopping token is-a
created after the buyer is aware of the a delivery date for the good is accepted by the buyer.
31. (currently amended) ~~The shopping token program product~~ of claim 26 wherein the computer
program further causes the computer to perform the step of configuring the shopping token
may be configured so that the shopping token is not modifiable by the buyer or the seller.
32. (currently amended) ~~The shopping token program product~~ of claim 26 wherein the computer
program further causes the computer to perform the step of storing the shopping token is
stored on a third party computer so that the shopping token and is accessible by the buyer and
the seller.
33. (currently amended) ~~The shopping token program product~~ of claim 26 wherein the computer
program further causes the computer to perform the step of providing the shopping token
contains- with warranty information for the good.
34. (currently amended) ~~The shopping token program product~~ of claim 26 wherein wherein the
computer program further causes the computer to perform the step of providing the shopping
token provideswith price protection for the good.
35. (canceled)
36. (currently amended) ~~The shopping token program product~~ of claim 26 wherein the computer
program further causes the computer to perform the step of providing the shopping token
with provides a seller's history.
37. (currently amended) An apparatus for creating a shopping token that contains a plurality of
agreement terms between a buyer and a seller comprising:

means for creating an XML file on a computer connected to an e-commerce website that is accessible by the buyer and the seller;

means for adding a seller's personal information to the XML file;

means for adding a buyer's personal information to the XML file;

means for adding information regarding a good to the XML file;

means for adding a plurality of terms to the XML file;

means for presenting the plurality of terms to the buyer and the seller;

means for determining whether the buyer and the seller agree with the plurality of terms; and

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller agree with the plurality of terms, means for adding a buyer digital signature and a seller digital signature to the XML file to create a read only shopping token;

responsive to the determination that the buyer and seller do not agree with the plurality of terms, means for accepting a modification to the XML file;

wherein the shopping token is created after the buyer ~~is aware of the~~ accepts a delivery date for the good;

wherein the shopping token may be configured so that the shopping token is not modifiable by the buyer or the seller or any third party;

wherein the shopping token is stored on a third party computer;

wherein the shopping token is created in a single file at ~~a~~ the single computer;

wherein data in the shopping token cannot be cut and pasted from the shopping token, the shopping token can be stored on a buyer computer, a seller computer, or a third

party computer, and the shopping token is indexed so that it can be distinguished from another shopping token;

wherein the terms include at least an item description, a price, a quantity, a payment method and a shipping means; and

wherein the shopping token is invalidated upon any subsequent change in the contract terms between the buyer and the seller.

38. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the shopping token contains a warranty information for the good.

39. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the shopping token provides a price protection for the good.

40. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the shopping token provides a price promotion for the good.

41. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the shopping token provides a seller's history.